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### 国際予備審査報告

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v.	新規性、 文献及び	進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性につい *説明	ての法第129	条 (РСТЗ5条(2))	に定める見解、	それを裏付ける
1.	見解					
	新規性(N	()	請求の範囲 請求の範囲	2, 6, 8-20 1, 3-5, 7		有 無
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請求の範囲

### 文献及び説明 (PCT規則70.7)

|求の範囲1、3-5、7に係る発明について |新たに引用した文献7(JP 2001-68840 A(アスリートエフエー株式 会社))には、計測された気体の流量に基づいて吸着の有無を確認する装置が記載さ れている。 したがって、請求の範囲1、3-5、7に係る発明は、文献7により新規性、進歩 性を有しない。

請求の範囲2に係る発明について

上記文献7に記載された発明は、温度分布に基づいて流量を計測しているかどうか 具体的には不明であるが、国際調査報告で引用された文献2 (JP 2002-71 416 A (株式会社日立製作所))には、気体の流量を計測する際に温度分布に基づいて行うことが記載されている。

したがって、請求の範囲2に係る発明は、文献2、7により進歩性を有しない。

請求の範囲6に係る発明について

上記文献 7 に記載された発明は、複数の吸着ノズルそれぞれについて吸着の確認を するためのセンサが設けられているかどうか具体的には不明であるが、国際調査報告 で引用された文献3(JP 7-314371 A(株式会社アドバンテスト))に は、複数の吸着ノズルそれぞれについて吸着の確認をするためのセンサを設けること が従来の技術として記載されている。

したがって、請求の範囲6に係る発明は、文献3、7により進歩性を有しない。

請求の範囲11-20に係る発明について

上記文献2には、流量センサが吸着の確認に用いられるかどうか、音速において計 測が行われるかどうか具体的には不明であるが、上記文献7には、流量センサが吸着 の確認に用いられることが記載されており、国際調査報告で引用された文献4 (JP 2000-259255 A (シーケーディ株式会社))には、音速において流量の 計測を行うことが記載されている。

したがって、請求の範囲11-20に係る発明は、文献2、4、7により進歩性を 有しない。

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### 請求の範囲

1. (補正後)空気吸込口が開口された吸着部を有し、前記空気吸込口から空気を吸引することにより前記吸着部に部品を吸着する吸着ノズルと、

前記吸着ノズルへ吸引用の負圧を供給する負圧供給装置と、

前記空気吸込口から吸引された空気の流量を計測し、得られた流量に基づき前記吸着部への部品吸着有無を示す電気信号を出力する吸着確認センサとを備えることを特徴とする負圧吸着装置。

2. 前記吸着確認センサは、

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気体流路内に配置された基台と、

前記基台の表面に薄膜形成されたヒータと、

前記基台の表面に薄膜形成された複数の温度センサと、

前記温度センサで計測された前記ヒータ近傍の温度分布に基づき気体流量を計測する検出手段と

を備えることを特徴とする請求項1記載の負圧吸着装置。

3. 負圧を用いた前記吸着ノズルからの空気の吸引を制御するバルブと、

前記吸着ノズル、前記吸着確認センサ、前記バルブ、前記負圧供給装置それぞれを接続する空気吸引通路と

をさらに備えることを特徴とする請求項1記載の負圧吸着装置。

4. 前記吸着確認センサは、

前記バルブと前記吸着ノズルとの問の空気吸引通路内で計測された空気の流量 変化を検出するフローセンサと、

前記フローセンサからの出力に基づき、前記吸着部への部品吸着有無を示す電 気信号を出力する検出手段と

を備えることを特徴とする請求項3記載の負圧吸着装置。

5. 前記フローセンサは、

前記空気吸引通路のうち、前記吸着ノズル近傍の空気吸引通路内で計測された 空気の流量変化を検出することを特徴とする請求項4記載の負圧吸着装置。 6. 前記負圧を共用して前記空気吸込口から空気を吸引することによりそれぞれ個別の部品を吸着させる前記吸着ノズルを複数備え、

前記吸着ノズルごとに前記吸着確認センサを備えることを特徴とする請求項1 記載の負圧吸着装置。

- 7. 前記吸着ノズルは、一方の開口端に備えられ、空気を吸引する空気吸込口を備えることを特徴とする請求項1記載の負圧吸着装置。
- 8. 前記吸着ノズルは、前記負圧により前記空気吸込口から吸引される空気の流速が音速となる空気吸引孔をさらに備えることを特徴とする請求項7記載の負圧吸着装置。
- 9. 前記吸着ノズルは、前記負圧により前記空気吸込口から吸引される空気の流速が音速となる大きさの流路断面積をなし、かつ前記吸着部への部品吸着状態に応じて前記空気吸込口の開口面積が変化する空気吸引孔をさらに備えることを特徴とする請求項7記載の負圧吸着装置。
- 10. 前記吸着ノズルは、当該空気吸込口に開口して前記空気吸込口から吸引された空気を、前記負圧供給装置に連接する当該吸着ノズルのノズル内室へ導く空気吸引孔をさらに備え、

前記負圧供給装置は、前記空気吸込孔の上流端での圧力が下流端での圧力のほ ば2倍以上となる負圧を発生することを特徴とする請求項1記載の負圧吸着装置。

11. (補正後) 吸着ノズルの空気吸込口に部品を吸着させる際に、前記空気吸込口から吸引される空気の流量を計測するフローセンサと、

前記フローセンサからの出力に基づき、前記吸着部への部品吸着有無を示す電 気信号を出力する検出手段と

を備えることを特徴とする吸着確認センサ。

12. 前記フローセンサは、

気体流路内に配置された基台と、

前記基台の表面に薄膜形成されたヒータと、

前記基台の表面に薄膜形成された温度センサと

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前記検出手段は、前記温度センサで計測された前記ヒータ近傍の温度分布に基

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 6, 8-20	YES
	Claims	1, 3-5, 7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	8-10	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
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#### 2. Citations and explanations

Invention set forth in claims 1, 3 to 5 and 7

Newly cited document 7 (JP 2001-68840 A (Asuriito FA K.K.)) sets forth a device which confirms whether or not attachment has taken place based on the measured flow rate of a gas.

Therefore the invention set forth in claims 1, 3 to 5 and 7 lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step.

Invention set forth in claim 2

It is unclear whether the invention set forth in document 7 measures the flow rate based on temperature distribution, but document 2 (JP 2002-71416 A (Hitachi, Ltd.)) cited in the international search report indicates that the flow rate of a gas is measured based on temperature distribution.

Therefore the invention set forth in claim 2 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 2 and 7.

Invention set forth in claim 6

It is unclear whether the invention set forth in document 7 is provided with a sensor to confirm attachment at each of a plurality of suction nozzles, but as prior

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art, document 3 (JP 7-314371 A (Advantest Corporation)) cited in the international search report indicates that sensors are provided to confirm attachment at each of a plurality of suction nozzles.

Therefore the invention set forth in claim 6 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 3 and 7.

Invention set forth in claims 11 to 20

It is not clear in document 2 whether a flow rate sensor is used to confirm attachment, or whether measurement is carried out at the speed of sound, but document 7 indicates that a flow rate sensor is used to confirm attachment, and document 4 (JP 2000-259255 A (CKD Kabushiki Kaisha)) cited in the international search report indicates that the measurement of flow rate is carried out at the speed of sound.

Therefore the invention set forth in claims 11 to 20 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 2, 4 and 7.

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